

THE Bloomfield Record.

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To the service of the people, all the people, of our town and county, we devote this paper, of wisdom, whatever of patience, whatever of ability it has, to the service of the people.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1896.

Governor Griggs.

Though devoted especially to purely local affairs, the Record makes a local matter of the recent inauguration of Governor Griggs, and points, in addition to the press dispatches from Trenton this week, the inaugural address complete.

The audience that witnessed the simple ceremony last Tuesday in Taylor's Opera House was representative of the State. The applause that greeted the address at various points was electric.

Not since the war, times of Governor Parker and Ward has genuine patriotism, irrespective of partisanship, been so stirred as now on the occasion of Mr. Griggs as chief executive of New Jersey. We have a people's Governor at last. Read his address, cut it out and preserve it for reference. It is a state paper which the lawyer and the politician of one sort, while outwardly approving, will inwardly condemn, but which, nevertheless, strikes the keynote of legislative and political reform, and is the utterance of the true statesman.

It now rests upon the people of New Jersey to insist that the reforms outlined and suggested by the Governor shall not prove to be barren idealities, but be carried out in every particular.

What the "Special Charter" Means to Bloomfield.

We expressed last week the belief that few of the people, and possibly not all of the School Trustees themselves, have any idea of the quagmire into which they are now being steered by the discoverers of the "special charter."

The promoters of litigation with the Borough say only that certain laws enacted for the benefit of Bloomfield nearly half a century ago take our school system out from under the operation of the general school laws of the State, and form an effectual barrier to the erection of the Borough of Glen Ridge as a separate school district. As to the effect which the establishment of their claim would have upon Bloomfield's own schools and school system, they are industriously silent.

Yet the results of the "special charter" business concern the people of Bloomfield far more than they concern Glen Ridge. If this antiquated quagmire could be cleared, the result would be about five hundred times more damaging than the project.

We shall try to state briefly a few truths which have been very carefully withheld from public knowledge by the ingenious and industrious counsel. The school law of 1894 does not prevent a borough becoming an independent school district except in cases where the old district is acting under a special charter. This word in the law has been persistently blinked. It is not enough that back in the forties and fifties, in the primitive and unsettled stage of New Jersey's school law, there should have been certain special legislation for Bloomfield in regard to forms and proceedings long since obsolete and forgotten, but now raked up for an occasion and offered as a "special charter" good enough to throw at Glen Ridge. The old district must be acting under the provisions of its special charter, and acting is a participle in the present tense.

2. Bloomfield was admittedly not acting under any special charter at the time the Glen Ridge district was set off by the County Superintendent, for Number Seven in the previous year had voted itself in under that same general law of 1894, adopting all of its provisions and uniting thereby with the old Brookdale district under the new township district system. This step of enlightened progress is now extremely inconvenient for the too ingenious counsel. To get over the enormous difficulty it presents, they profess to believe, as we understand, that the admitted adoption of the general school law of 1894 by Bloomfield was illegal, an act of unconscionable wrong committed in temporary forgetfulness of the existence of the glorious old special charter of '49. They are therefore floundering about in the middle they have created, trying to find some

practical way to get rid of Brookdale again, to get back into office the Trustees who went into it in 1894, and in other respects to restore Number Seven to the conditions existing previous to its unconscionable illegal adoption of the general school law of 1894; as if that could help them at all.

3. Now we approach the "special charter" itself, a precious instrument whose exact provisions and requirements the counsel who discussed it have refrained from advertising very extensively here in town. What are these special provisions and requirements under which, if Glen Ridge is not really a separate district, Number Seven must have been acting in February, 1895, or at least, according to the counsel's view, in the spring of 1894? Here are some of them:

Jurisdiction from outside the Board exercised not by a County Superintendent but by a Township Superintendent, an office abolished twenty-nine years ago;

Money raised for the schools not by State and district taxes, but by "a general township tax not exceeding \$2,500," a practice abandoned twenty-five years ago;

Limited power to vote money at special meetings for land purchase and school building; but no "special charter" power whatever to bond for these purposes; and, lastly,

A district whose boundaries had been originally delimited by the Township Committee acting jointly with the Township Superintendent, and not by a County Superintendent, acting under the general school law of the State. But Number Seven is not the old original "special charter" Central Union. Any attempt to treat the two as identical is an imposition on confiding minds. Number Seven is a general law district, erected under the general school law of 1867 by County Superintendent Davis, with boundaries very different from those of any "special charter" district previously existing. For about a quarter of a century Number Seven existed as a general law district, and was operated as such. To restore the main Bloomfield district to its "special charter" basis, it will be necessary to declare the erection of Number Seven by County Superintendent Davis as illegal an act as the erection of the Glen Ridge district by County Superintendent Sherman is now pronounced (by counsel) to be. It will be necessary to reestablish the original "charter" district, taking in only part of what is now Glen Ridge district—for the balance belonged not to Central Union but to Washington—and also reaching over the township line and annexing part of what is now Montclair's school territory. It will be necessary to carry back the period of unconscious illegality, doing which the Bloomfield school authorities acted in temporary ignorance of *quagmire charta* and all its blessings, not merely twenty months or so, but a good deal more than twenty years, rendering unlawful all that has been done and accomplished for our schools since the original "charter" districts let go their grip on the "charter," unsettling the titles to property meanwhile acquired, throwing doubt on obligations lawfully incurred, and bringing about in Bloomfield school affairs a state of confusion and uncertainty so bewildering that it makes the head spin like a top to think of it.

Such is the job undertaken by the ingenious (if hasty) and well and continuously remunerated (if inconsiderate) professional gentlemen who have recently discovered a new way to annoy the Borough. The magnitude of their enterprise will be appreciated by every person who is at all familiar with the school methods and school history of this region. It will be seen that the "special charter" is not the simple, single-edged and easily handled weapon of attack which it has been represented to be by the shifty organ of the ingenious and industrious law firm.

Is it not about time for this costly and dangerous nonsense to stop?

To The Editor of The Record:

Many rumors are in the air regarding the proposed parks adjoining our town. Instead of devoting a large sum of money to that end wouldn't it be better to take the same money and devote it to encouraging new industries in our midst, thereby putting the means in the way of many of our citizens of obtaining employment? New parks mean increased indebtedness on the part of the township, and increased indebtedness means increased taxation. Take towns where there are many manufacturing and every week or every two weeks large sums are disbursed for wages which to a greater or less extent are distributed in our midst. To an outsider this town appears to be about forty years behind our neighbors, to catch up we have got to get some new industries here that are disbursts, those that pay and will give employment to native labor. The bulk and sinew of our country is the laboring classes. This class keeps the wheels of commerce on the move and when labor is not employed hard times come to everyone. If a manufacturer is induced to come to this town above all things don't tax him to death. Give him a chance for his life. Get a bicycle factory or any kind of a factory that will give employment is the hope of

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A Novel Fire Escape.

The exhibition of a pocket fire escape by Mr. George A. Rutherford, which we announced in our last week's issue, occurred last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The special feature of this little instrument is the steel tape, tempered with a sole regard to tensile strength and flexibility, and made to take the place of the cords, ropes and wire ladders heretofore so extensively used in portable fire-escapes. Mr. Rutherford, using the machine as a fireman would, first lowered Charlie Hall and afterwards came down twice himself, bringing the little escape with him each time. The steel tape, which is capable of sustaining 1500 pounds, at no time locked larger than a cord, and Mr. Rutherford showed his complete control over his machine by starting and stopping at will, both Charlie and himself during their descent. It was unfortunately necessary to have a beam projecting from the window, this was done to save marring the work, as ordinarily a hook is furnished with the machine, which is screwed in the window frame or casing, making the entire apparatus for escape capable of being carried in the pocket.

Chief Oakes, Mr. Tower and other prominent firemen witnessed the exhibition, and expressed themselves as being very much pleased with the machine. While Mr. Rutherford was still seated in his fire escape, several feet from the ground, Mr. Tower and others aided his weight, but Mr. Rutherford's ally held the brake which controls the descent, with one hand. The length of the tape is almost entirely at the option of the manufacturer without increasing the size and only slightly adding to the weight of the instrument.

The People's Party.

Editor of The Record:

I see by an article in the last week's Record that the People's Party are credited with 9 Congressmen in the last (54th) Congress and 12 in this (55th). The last Congress had 11 Populist Congressmen and this Congress 12 by the recent addition of Marion Butler of N. E. in the Senate. He enjoys the distinction of being the youngest Senator while the Populist Senator, Mr. Kyle of S. Dak., is the only clergyman in Congress.

ROY HOPPING.
GLEN RIDGE, JAN. 18, 1896.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS
Remains in the Post Office at Bloomfield N. J., for the week ending, Jan. 24, 1896.
Conroy, B. Manger, John.
Conroy, Joseph. Martel, Ambrose.
Dewey, Frank. Davis, Salvadore.
Danzonowicz, Juppitt. Peterson, Swan. A. Sager, Eugene.
Gibson, Miss Anna. Vaniel, Marcell.
Legin, Angelo.

WRECK ON THE LEHIGH.

A Passenger Train Precipitated into the Depths of a Coal Mine.

HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 21.—The Lehigh Valley passenger train, in charge of Engineer Michael Louzer and Conductor George Reese, was precipitated into the depths of a coal mine near this place. Louzer was wedged between the baggage car and the ground and was crushed to death. The fireman, Frederick Meyers, will probably be killed.

Several passengers were injured, but all were able to walk to this city. Since the wreck the earth has dropped completely into the mines, which are operated by Little and Sker, and steam from the underground entry is issuing from the hole. Trains were run by a "beaver" method.

Traffic will be blocked for several days, both in the coal and passenger lines. For several years past the road between here and Stockton has been the scene of many cave ins, and to guard against accidents these wrecks were placed at different points to notify trains of any possible danger.

Washington Post for Senator.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 22.—The protracted struggle for the United States senatorship, which has been going on in the Maryland legislature for the past week, was practically terminated by the Republicans in caucus, nominating Congressman George L. Wallington to succeed Senator Gibson. His victory was decisive, and there seems to be no room for doubt that he will be elected in joint session this afternoon.

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Obituary.

George Ryan, a young man engaged in the state business, and residing at the Hotel House on Glenwood Ave., died at his home at South Bethlehem, Pa., on the 16th inst., of consumption, aged 25 years.

George Parsons Wright died suddenly at North Creek, N. Y., on Monday, aged 25 years. He was the son of George W. and Emma P. Wright, of 181 West 75th Street, New York, and recently built the house, No. 90 Liberty St., between Walnut St. and Williamson Ave., Bloomfield. Mr. Wright closed the house to spend the holidays at North Creek. Funeral services were held at his parents' residence on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

James Finnegan died at his home on Walnut St., last Saturday morning, after a lingering illness, aged 55 years. Mr. Finnegan was born in Ireland and came to Bloomfield when a young man, securing employment with the late Wright Conger, of Franklin St. Of late years he was employed by the Bloomfield Board of Public Works. He was a member of Bloomfield Council Catholic Benevolent Legion. A widow, two daughters and one son survive him. Funeral services were held at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Monday morning. Bloomfield Council C. B. L., turned out in a body. The pall bearers were: Michael Owens, C. F. Woods, Charles Murray, Sr., Thos. Kiley, John Hosen and Michael O'Hara, members of the Legion. Interment was made in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

Mr. Margaret, widow of the late John P. Boyd, died at her home, No. 23 Orchard Street, early Wednesday morning, of apoplexy, aged 55 years. One daughter Anna survives her. Mrs. Boyd retired on Tuesday apparently in the best of health, but shortly afterward complained of feeling unwell. Doctors Van Gleason and White were lastly summoned but could do nothing for the patient. Mrs. Boyd was a member of the Park M. E. Church. Funeral services will be held from her late residence Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Church Notices

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. James Beveridge, Lee, Pastor.
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Geo. A. Paul, pastor.
Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
PARK METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Robert M. Ayres, pastor.
Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Sunday School at 12 M.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Rev. Edwin A. White, Rector.
Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon 10:30 A. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Evening service at 7:30 P. M.

GLENN RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. J. M. Madrillo, pastor.
Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 12 M.

GLENN RIDGE M. E. CHURCH—Glen Ridge and Belleville Avenues.
Sunday School at 9 P. M. Public worship at 8 P. M. You are cordially invited to attend a series of sermons being preached every Sunday in January at 7:30 P. M. by Rev. W. F. Meyer, pastor. January 25th—"The Law of Salvation." Every one welcome.

WATKINSVILLE M. E. CHURCH—Rev. C. C. Wiggins, Pastor.
Preaching at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 2:30 P. M. Epworth League meeting in the Chapel at 8:45.

GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. H. W. Seibert, Ph. D., pastor.
Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 2:15 P. M. Young Men's Christian Association, Thursday at 8 P. M. Young People's Society, Friday at 8 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. Chas. A. Cook, pastor.
Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at noon.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART—Rev. J. M. Madrillo, pastor.
First mass and sermon at 8:30 A. M. High mass and sermon at 10:30 A. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Vesper service, 8:30 P. M. Epworth League, Friday evening. Prayer meeting Friday evening.

German Lutheran service will be held in Harris Brothers' Hall every Sunday at 8:30 P. M. All Lutherans are cordially invited to attend. Aug. Eberdick, Jr., pastor.

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Local Contributions. Advertisements, and especially notices, are given in the Record. Local Information. It aims to give all the news of local importance, and to discuss subjects locally and impartially, giving readers a full freedom of opinion as to the merits of all matters of local interest. All who appreciate and are willing to share a local paper conducted upon these principles are asked to become subscribers.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Henry Becker and family have moved into their new house on Maple St. Mrs. Cecelia Wiedner of Mill St. has gone to Scranton, Pa.

Newsdealer R. F. Higgins has a large stock of artistic valentines for Feb. 14. Miss Eveleth Weeks of Bath, Me., the guest of Chas. P. Johnson of Orchard St.

The engagement is announced of Marie Johnson and Jonathan Barnum, both of Glen and Jonathan Barnum, School rooms on Wednesday night.

Miss Helen Sands, of Bloomfield Ave., leaves next week for California, where she will remain for an indefinite time.

Rev. J. M. Sarsfield, rector of the Church of the Sacred Heart, left on Monday, for a two weeks vacation in Florida.

At a special meeting of